

Amendment and Response

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Title: CIRCUIT ARRANGEMENT AND SIGNAL PROCESSING DEVICE

REMARKS

The following remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed January 21, 2010. Claims 1-21 have been previously cancelled. Claims 31-39 have been allowed. Claims 22, 27, 29, 40, and 43 were rejected. Claims 23-26, 28, 30, 41, and 42 have been objected to. With this Response, claims 23-30, 41, and 42 have been amended, and claims 22, 40, and 43 have been cancelled. Claims 23-39, 41, and 42 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Specification

The Examiner objected to the disclosure because of informalities.

Applicant has resubmitted the substitute specification with this Response. The substitute specification contains no new matter. The substitute specification includes the proper headings and any "WO 2004... and PCT/DE..." headings have been removed. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the above objection to the disclosure should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 22, 27, 29, 40, and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Washburn, U.S. Patent No. 6,606,007 ("Washburn").

Independent claims 22, 40, and 43 have been cancelled. Dependent claims 27 and 29 have been amended to further define patentably distinct independent claim 30, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the above rejection of claims 27 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) should be withdrawn. Allowance of claims 27 and 29 is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner allowed claims 31-39. The Examiner objected to claims 23-26, 28, 30, 41, and 42 for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Dependent claims 23, 30, and 41 have been rewritten in independent form. Dependent claims 24-26, 28, and 42 further define patentably distinct independent claim 23, 30, or 41. Accordingly, Applicant believes that these dependent claims are also allowable over the cited reference. Allowance of claims 23-26, 28, 30, 41, and 42 is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 23-39, 41, and 42 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 23-39, 41, and 42 is respectfully requested.

No fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(h)(i). However, if such fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0471.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone numbers to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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